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**Subject: Re: EPA visit to Libby on October 22 and DEQ Job Profile**

History:  This message has been forwarded.

I was in a car. A co-worker came in at the end of our conversation and overheard you say you would get back to me by Tuesday. If I had someone on the phone I would introduce them.

Surprised by your response given the email below, though. All I care about is protecting the public and eliminating risk at this point. I don't care how many people you have on the phone. Nor do they need to be introduced. Everyone needs to hear these concerns and act on them. I am still wondering why it was ever worth the risk to allow a Superfund cleanup yard to operate next to children and other citizens, or why it takes multiple conversations to voice that concern. Should we run this through Congress? Unbelievable.

On 11/2/09 6:13 PM, "Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov"  
<Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

> I said I would get you a response in a week. We are working on a  
> response to you and you will get it next week. And who is we- if you and  
> I are having a phone conversation and there is more than you and I on  
> the phone, I expect you to be courteous and tell me. cc

> Carol L. Campbell, Assistant Regional Administrator  
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Re: EPA visit to Libby on October 22 and DEQ Job Profile

> We heard you ask if Tuesday was ok, did not hear a week from Tuesday.

> Maybe it was missed.  
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> There is one concern that should encourage a same day response:  
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> We all know tremolite is deadly. We know a superfund cleanup yard ( base  
> camp/headquarters) managing that tremolite is operating in a school zone  
> and residential area near various businesses. We know equipment and  
> trucks from that yard are used daily in the cleanup and handling the  
> tremolite.  
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> REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY TIMES THIS CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT IS  
> "WASHED DOWN WITH WATER"--- IS IT WORTH THE RISK TO FUNCTION INSIDE A  
> NEIGHBORHOOD?  
>  
> Can someone just answer that question tomorrow? Yes or no.  
> Should be a quick response. You can have them each email a yes or no.  
> I don't care about the explanations, just a yes or no.  
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> Then, please have them put a plan together ( perhaps with other  
> agencies) with how to make restitution to these neighbors who are now  
> experiencing the physical effects of this careless effort with seemingly  
> no real protection, oversight or inspection.  
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> On 11/2/09 5:02 PM, "Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov" <  
> Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:  
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>> I said a week- and since we talked Friday, 10/30, that means at least  
>> until the 6th. I talked to my staff today as this is the first time  
>> since the snow that everyone is in and told them we had a week to get  
>> the response together which makes it the 9th.  
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> Subject  
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>> 22 and DEQ Job Profile

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>> You indicated I would hear from you tomorrow 11/3---did that change?
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>> On 11/2/09 12:54 PM, "Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov"
>> <Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:
>>
>>> We are working on your budget request. I have asked my staff to look
>>> into all of the issues you raised with me over the phone and I will
>> be
>>> getting back to you by 11/9. You should contact the State of Montana
>>> for your issues with Catherine. Sandi Olsen at 406-841-5001, email
>>> solsen@state.mt.us is in charge of the DEQ's Remediation Division
>> which
>>> Catherine is employed in.. cc
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>>> Carol Campbell/R8/USEPA/US@EPA
>>> 10/31/2009
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>>> Both would be great. Thanks.  
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>>> On 10/31/09 12:09 PM, "Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov" <  
>>> Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:  
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>>> Do you want future budget or money spent to date or both  
>>> Sent by EPA Wireless E-Mail Services  
>>>  
>>> From: FilmWest [filmwest@gmail.com]  
>>> Sent: 10/31/2009 09:55 AM MST  
>>> To: Carol Campbell  
>>> Subject: Re: EPA visit to Libby on October 22 and DEQ Job  
>> Profile  
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>>> I have requested a copy of the budget several times. How do we  
>> get  
>>> one?  
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>>> Sent from my iPhone  
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>>> On Oct 28, 2009, at 4:16 PM, Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov  
>> wrote:  
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>>> Thanks for the email. I am looking into this  
>>> Sent by EPA Wireless E-Mail Services  
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>>> From: FilmWest [filmwest@gmail.com]  
>>> Sent: 10/28/2009 02:35 PM MST  
>>> To: "LeCours, Catherine" <clecours@mt.gov>; Carol  
>> Campbell;  
>>> Robert Ward; Cory Rumble  
>>> Cc: Andy Lensink  
>>> Subject: Re: EPA visit to Libby on October 22 and DEQ  
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>>> On 10/28/09 1:01 PM, "FilmWest" <filmwest@gmail.com <  
>>> mailto:filmwest@gmail.com> > wrote:  
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>>> Catherine,  
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>>> I have spoken to numerous officials and  
>>> representatives during the past few weeks in an  
>> effort  
>>> to get the right attention to these concerns in  
>> Libby  
>>> as swiftly as possible.  
>>> I have experienced everything from neglect and no  
>>> return phone calls, to a growing number of people  
>> who  
>>> have seen the facts and express the same concerns  
>> both  
>>> inside and outside the agencies. None of these  
>>> conversations caused more concern than the one I

> had  
 >>> with you yesterday. I hope it was a complete  
 >> accident,  
 >>> and uncommon for your office. The only way I can  
 >>> describe it, is : chilling.  
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 >>> Because you are a site manager, but stated you had  
 >> not  
 >>> recently been on site, you heard every detail we  
 >> could  
 >>> think to relate to you about what is happening in  
 >>> Libby. You know that people have already died from  
 >>> exposure. I indicated to you it is now a concern  
 >> that  
 >>> people have said they are experiencing new  
 >> respiratory  
 >>> issues and other symptoms. I told you I had watched  
 >>> four people die this past year from exceptionally  
 >> rare  
 >>> auto immune diseases and my growing awareness of  
 >>> various others. I indicated after researching  
 >> medical  
 >>> studies linking asbestos exposure to auto immune  
 >>> disease this past week, I realized the numbers  
 > don't  
 >>> add up ( all four diseases are contracted by one in  
 >>> millions, one of the disorders is contracted by 1  
 > in  
 >>> 10,000,000 another 1 in 30,000,000, etc--- Libby's  
 >>> population is less than 5,000) I now think there  
 >> may  
 >>> be some correlation to their exposure to the  
 >> asbestos  
 >>> in Libby. I communicated this to a Specialist at  
 >>> Oregon Health and Sciences University who seems to  
 >>> concur. You can do your own research and draw the  
 >> same  
 >>> conclusions. The studies and information are  
 >>> voluminous.  
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 >>> I never gave it a second thought before, never made  
 >> a  
 >>> connection at all. Then, a few weeks ago, while  
 >>> visiting Montana and Glacier park, I began  
 >>> experiencing the dust. It was dust in blankets,  
 > dust  
 >>> in soft moving clouds, dust in gritty spritzes,  
 >>> sometimes just dust. But, it was constant and did  
 >> not  
 >>> let up. The noise and movement in that cleanup  
 >>> headquarters yard was constant and exhaustive. I  
 >> could  
 >>> not believe what I was seeing and hearing, but most  
 >> of  
 >>> all feeling. I went over to the headquarters. I had  
 >>> originally thought it was wonderful when I heard  
 >> Libby  
 >>> had more help, more efforts committed. Nothing  
 > could  
 >>> have prepared me for those 'efforts'.  
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>>> All we could think about were the blatantly obvious  
>>> imminent safety concerns, and thought , ' How and  
>> why  
>>> is this happening?' and 'Who is allowing this and  
>>> making these decisions?'  
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>>> I then started reaching out to anyone who was in a  
>>> decision making capacity that could hear these  
>>> concerns and see what we were seeing.  
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>>> You heard and saw and your response was chilling.  
>> You  
>>> expressed absolutely no concern. You seemed  
>>> inconvenienced.  
>>> It was all about you. Your job. The way you do your  
>>> job. The way you see this. Your efforts to qualify  
>> my  
>>> concerns.  
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>>> But you are not there. You stated more than once  
> you  
>>> have never been there. You are not breathing the  
>>> deadly dust.  
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>>> Your comments during our communication prompted a  
>>> request for a copy of your job description so we  
>> might  
>>> better understand the agency structures.  
>>> ( a portion of your job description is pasted  
>> below: )  
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>>> This position is relied upon to identify and reduce  
>>> unacceptable public health and environmental risks  
>> due  
>>> to hazardous substance releases; therefore,  
> accuracy  
>>> and sound judgment are essential.  
>>> Field work includes site data collection,  
> oversight,  
>>> or inspection activities. Travel and field  
>>> investigations may involve long working hours,  
>> adverse  
>>> weather, potential exposure to hazardous  
> substances,  
>>> and arduous physical activity.  
>>> Management and Supervision of Others:  
>>> Identification of need, and as necessary, direction  
>> of  
>>> private consultants and contractors  
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>>> How can you inspect and/or collect data, identify  
>> and  
>>> reduce public health and environmental risks if you  
>> do  
>>> not REGULARLY go to the sites?  
>>> How can you direct the contractors? The  
> headquarters  
>>> base camp seems to be the obvious first place to  
> go.  
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>>> Why have you NEVER been there?  
>>> You stated the concerns I expressed had nothing to

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with you and were not your responsibility.  
 All of these same concerns are referenced in your  
 description as absolutely your responsibility.  
 You indicated you had not visited any of the  
 sites in Libby last week after traveling 5-6 hours  
 get there from Helena. When I asked you why the  
 cleanup headquarters is based in a school zone,  
 residential area near the communities food sources  
 hotels, you stated you have never been onsite at  
 headquarters and didn't know where it was. When I  
 asked you 'Isn't that part of your responsibility  
 Manager?' You said, 'No' I stressed over and over  
 concern that you look at things more carefully in  
 Libby. That you please get involved. And referenced  
 the people. You were unmoved. I have sensed this  
 other representatives as well, but your response  
 deafening.  
 I hope by today you have re-thought your position.  
 do not know you, nor do I wish to make personal  
 slights. This is not about you, only the way you do  
 your job and the people who depend upon you for  
 safety, and maybe ultimately their lives. No amount  
 power or bureaucracy is worth people losing their  
 lives over. I urge you to see this differently, to  
 affect immediate change everywhere you can in a way  
 that benefits people. Forget yourself. Do it for  
 people.  
 I silently hope that each of you put all meetings  
 hold and facilitate action. Stop the cleanup until  
 is safe. In it's current state, the cleanup has  
 possibly further endangered people. It has very  
 possibly simply exacerbated a very serious problem.  
 Many of the hazards are unknown, and it is  
 understandable that there has been an effort made  
 get rid of this dangerous material but it is a  
 of precious resources, time and money unless it is  
 done right. Most importantly, there is a growing  
 concern that  
 unless immediate changes are made you have and are  
 INCREASING THE RISK to the people. Please, make it





>>> Response, took charge of the nation's  
>> Superfund sites after being confirmed to the position  
>>> in June.  
>>> He took a tour of some of the site's operable  
>>> units last week and participated in the  
>> meeting to get a feel for the community's concerns.  
>>> 'I very much come from a perspective of  
>>> communities having a strong role in the  
>>> decisions of government,' Stanislaus said.  
>> 'I've really impressed on my staff that we provide  
>>> access and transparency in a way that  
>>> communities can participate effectively  
>> through all of the decisions that we make.'  
>>> Allan Payne, an attorney helping the City of  
>>> Libby through the Superfund process,  
>>> complimented Stanislaus on his environmental  
>>> justice work and one of his past speeches  
> that emphasized community involvement.  
>>> 'That's critical for this community,' Payne  
>>> said. 'Those are uplifting words for us.  
> Those are very powerful things and I know that  
>> there's substance behind those.'  
>>> Though board members spoke in congenial  
> tones, they described their frustration with the EPA  
>>> and the Superfund process.  
>>> Concerns included:  
>>> € Asbestos cleanup occurring before the  
>>> of toxicity studies.  
>>> € Toxicity studies using old science and not  
>>> integrating childhood exposures.  
>>> € Institutional controls and the financial  
>>> burden that could potentially be left with  
>> local government once the EPA declares the site  
>> clean.  
>>> € Bureaucracy and perceived political  
>>> dictating decisions.  
>>> € Distrust produced from the EPA not

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the community in the process.

€ Challenges associated with the negative national attention stemming from the Libby

being a Superfund site.

<sup>3</sup>It was a good listening session for Mathy to hear the concerns directly from the

said John Konzen, county commissioner and City-County Health Board chair. <sup>3</sup>I thought he listened and asked some good questions.<sup>2</sup>

Brad Black, county health officer and

at the Center for Asbestos Related Disease, asked how the EPA could implement Records of Decision and perform cleanups without knowing the risk level associated with Libby

asbestos. The former screening plant and city-owned former export plant are scheduled

have RODs early next year.

<sup>3</sup>Certainly now as we're talking about moving from emergency removal to remediation, this

where we start setting standards of cleanup,<sup>2</sup> Black said. <sup>3</sup>We've been talking about RODs,

yet in our mind, we're saying, €Look, we

have a baseline risk assessment - how in the world are we going to clean it up right?<sup>1,2</sup>

Stanislaus said that toxicity studies will continue to be a priority, but in the

the exposure path must be broken as soon as possible.

<sup>3</sup>In terms of the short-term stuff, what we

to do is prevent exposure,<sup>2</sup> Stanislaus said.

I look forward to hearing your comments on

do we make sure we prevent exposure, while

being clear that we have to move forward on

science.<sup>2</sup>

Leroy Thom, vice president of CARD's board of directors, described his feeling that in the past few years the EPA has shut down

involvement. He said it appeared to be a

>>> decision made at the Region 8 Denver office  
> or  
>>> in Washington D.C. on a national level.  
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>>> <sup>3</sup>I've seen a change in the attitude of EPA  
>> since  
>>> it (Libby Superfund site) began,<sup>2</sup> Thom said.  
>>> <sup>3</sup>When it was first here, they were very  
>>> accommodating, more than willing to go the  
>> extra  
>>> step, were more than interested in getting it  
>>> right than what I think is going on right  
>> now.<sup>2</sup>  
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>>> Stanislaus emphasized to the board and  
>> attendees  
>>> to hold him and his office accountable and to  
>>> reach him if there is a problem.  
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>>> Lisa Jackson, administrator for the EPA,  
>>> promised the U.S. Senate in January that upon  
>>> confirmation to the agency's top position,  
> she  
>>> would visit the Libby Superfund site and  
>>> consider declaring a public health emergency.  
>>> She made the declaration in June and though  
>> she  
>>> has not made the visit to Libby herself,  
>> sending  
>>> Stanislaus was considered a show of  
>> commitment.  
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>>> Remediation Division  
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>>> "We did not come here to fear the future, we  
>>> came here to shape it."  
>>> ---President Barack Obama to Joint  
>> Session  
>>> of Congress, September 9, 2009  
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